

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-12, and 16, 19, and 24-28 are pending in the application with claims 1, 4, 8, and 16, 19, and 24 being the independent claims. New claims 24-28 have been added. Claims 15, 17-18, and 20-23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Office Action on page 5, in section 2, indicates that claims 1-4, 7-12, 16 and 19 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for such allowance.

The Office Action, on pages 2-6, in section 1, rejects claims 15, 18, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,298,057 to Guy et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,674,550 to Ezumi et al. Claims 15, 18, and 21 have been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot with respect to claims 15, 18, and 21. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.


The Office Action, on pages 6-11, rejects claims 17, 20, 22, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,298,057 to Guy et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,674,550 to Ezumi et al, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,370,163 to Shaffer et al. Claims 17, 20, 22, and 23 have been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot with respect to claims 17, 20, 22, and 23. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

New claims 24-28 recite subject matter that corresponds with allowed claims 8-12, respectively, and are therefore allowable.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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